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are famine conditions and what steps the Government have hitherto taken and what steps they propose to take to alleviate the distress.

A.—Famine conditions do not exist at present anywhere in the district.

Disafforestation in Vizagapatam.

433 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member how far disafforestation has been effected or is proposed to be effected in the district of Vizagapatam in pursuance of the recent orders passed by the Government.

A.—If the Honourable Member will specify to what orders passed by Government he refers, the Government will supply him with any available information.

Mr. Yaqub Hasan's detention in custody.

434 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member whether the Government consider it necessary to further detain Mr. Yaqub Hasan and three others in custody under the orders passed by the District Magistrate of Malabar and whether the Government will consider the advisability of releasing them.

A.—The Government have no intention of interfering with the discretion of the District Magistrate who has power under section 124 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Code to release the persons referred to if he considers that they may be released without hazard.

Recruitment to Agricultural and Veterinary services.

435 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state the number of superior appointments in the Agricultural and Veterinary services which were filled in this Presidency by recruitment from the United Kingdom in the years 1918–19, 1919–20 and 1920–21.

A.—

Agricultural Department.		*Veterinary Department.*	
1918–19	Nil	1918–19	Nil
1919–20	1	1919–20	Nil
1920–21	4	1920–21	1

Sugar manufacture.

436 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state—

(*a*) if the Government have afforded any, and, if so, what facilities to Messrs. Parry & Co. for the manufacture of sugar;

(*b*) whether any Indian firm has applied to the Government for help, and, if so, what firm and how far have the Government been pleased to comply with its request.

A.—(*a*) A lease of certain lands in the Tinnevelly district for construction of tram lines in connexion with a sugar factory has been granted to a company of which Messrs. Parry & Co. are Managing Agents. The Government have granted no other facilities for the manufacture of sugar.

(*b*) The Government will consider such applications on receipt.

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